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1. IN WAKE UN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM N.Y., GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINED VARIATIONS ON "TALKS TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 17TH." NEWS STORIES EMPHASIZED 1) TURKS WILL ALSO SUBMIT PROPOSALS, 2) TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS, 3) CLERIDES TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY UNITED PARTY FLOOR LEADER PAPADOPOULOS AND SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT TRIANTAFYLIDIS. STORY BROKE TOO LATE HERE FEBRUARY 11 FOR EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF WASHINGTON VISIT BY TURKISH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL ATTRACTED EDITORIAL ATTENTVGN IN PRO-CLERIDES AGHON FEBRUARY 12 WHICH DISMISSED MRS KISSINGER'S ILLNESS AS PRETEXT AND CONCLUDED WHOLE THING DONE WITH AMERICAN COLLUSION TO ALLOW TURKS FREE HAND TO CONTINUE THEIR PLANS ON CYPRUS. PRO-MAKARIOS ELEFTHEROS

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LAOS SAW POSTPONEMENT AS ATTEMPT BY TURKS TO BLACKMAIL

US CONGRESS INTO VOTING FAVORABLE ARMS BILLBX

3. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTED DENKTASH STATEMENT HIS RETURN TO NICOSIA FEBRUARY 12 THAT "IDENTITY OF VIEWS IN EVERY RESPECT HAD BEEN REACHED" WITH TURKEY; THAT NEITHER CANCELLATION OF TURKISH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT TO US NOR US ARMS AID QUESTION WERE CONNECTED WITH THE CYPRUS PROBLEM; AND THAT REPORTS THAT TURKS WOULD OFFER 3 PERCENT LAND CONCESSION IN VIENNA WERE "SPECULATION." THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, HE DECLARED, WAS "READY TO DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO SETTLE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IN A REASONABLE FRAMEWORK." IN SAME VEIN OF HIS ANKARA STATEMENT (REFTEL), HE ADDED THAT GREEKS HAD PROMISED IN BRUSSELS TO PRESENT "REASONABLE" PROPOSALS IN VIENNA AND THAT NO ONE COULD CALL A MULTIREGIONAL PROPOSAL "REASONABLE."

4. GOC-CONTROLLED RADIO AND TV HAVE ALSO CARRIED DENKTASH'S STATEMENTS PROMINENTLY.
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